When is a Demolition Permit required?

A demolition permit is required when any building or structure is to be demolished.

How Do I Get a Demolition Permit?

To apply for a demolition permit, please submit the following:

1. A completed application for demolition.

A permit to demolish a structure can only be issued after staff review & approval, which is usually completed within 3 days.

2. An affidavit declaring ownership.

Removing a permanent structure from real property can result in significantly reduced real estate values. We are particularly careful to ascertain that the individual pulling this permit is either the owner of the structure or an authorized agent of the owner. The International Building Code states that only an owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, demolish or change the occupancy of a building or structure shall make application and obtain the required permit. An affidavit declaring ownership must be submitted along with an application for a demolition permit.

3. A current copy of a State of Tennessee General Contractor's License.

- Required if the demolition is for a commercial structure (more than two-family dwellings, commercial, schools, institutional, assembly, storage, or industrial) whose valuation is more than \$25,000.
- If the demolition is for a residential structure (one or two-family dwellings) whose valuation is \$3,000 to \$24,999, then a **Home Improvement License** may also be accepted.

4. A current copy of a Workers Compensation Certificate of Liability Insurance.

What is the fee for a Demolition Permit?

For the demolition of any building or structure that houses one or two families, the non-refundable fee is \$30.00 for the first story, and \$20.00 for each additional story.

For the demolition of any building or structure that houses more than two families, commercial, schools, institutional, assembly, storage, or industrial uses, the non-refundable fee is \$55.00 for the first story and \$25.00 for each additional story.

Questions may be directed to Plans Review & Inspections at 865-215-2999.